

Judgment Against Mrs. Pears

Judgment was given in favour of Mrs. Kathleen Wong Choy against Mrs. Bertha Kurtz Pears by Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court yesterday, in the case in which the ownership of 4 Knight Street, Kowloon, was in dispute.

Mrs. Wong Choy, plaintiff, was represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida Castro, instructed by Mr. W. C. Hung of Messrs. Deacons, Mr. C. E. Loebe, instructed by Mr. A. de Silva, appeared for Mrs. Pears, defendant.

The plaintiff asked for a declaration (a) that she was the sole beneficial owner of 4 Knight Street and (b) that the defendant had no right or title to, or interest in, the premises. The defendant claimed to be the equitable owner of the premises and said that she had paid \$20,000 for it in March, 1942.

In a lengthy judgment, Sir Henry said that he entirely rejected defendant's story about Japanese torture and did not

Coming Events

April 8—K.C.C. Dance. April 9 and 10—Easter Race Meeting. April 10—G.S.E. Easter Concert, Star Theatre, 8 p.m. April 11—N.A.A.F.I. Club, Kowloon, Debate: "Capital Punishment Should Be Abolished," 8 p.m. April 12—Equine Sports Club, general meeting, 8.45 p.m. April 13—Watsonian Club dinner (tentative date). April 14 and 15—K.C.C. Play: "A Worm's Eye View." April 15—China Light & Power Co., Ltd., annual meeting, noon. April 16—H.K. & Canton Ice Mfg. Co., Ltd., shareholders meeting, 11.30 a.m. April 21—H.K. Land Investment & Agency Ltd., shareholders meeting, noon. April 24—Humphreys Est. & Fin. Co., Ltd., shareholders meeting, 11.30 a.m.

believe one word of it. Judgment was given in the terms of the Statement of Claim subject to the addition, by consent, at the end of para. (b) of the prayer of the words "save as a tenant who has not paid rent since December 1941."

CAUGHT OUTSIDE

Three months hard labour was imposed on Li Kai Ying when he was found guilty by Mr. Sheldon at Central yesterday of the larceny of a gold ring from Tin Cheung Goldsmith's. Complainant said that defendant asked to look at some gold rings. Given the one in question, he ran out of the shop with it. He was caught outside by a policeman.

EX-EMPEROR OF ANNAM ON INDO-CHINA WAR

Hong Kong Interview: Not Ready To Return

Women Too Enthusiastic To Earn

That the Labour Office is most anxious to stop the employment of female workers in factories after the legal hours was emphasised by Mr. E. C. Brown, Labour Inspector, at Mr. Blair-Kerr's Court yesterday when he prosecuted two factory owners for having women working in their premises at 9 p.m. and 8.50 p.m. respectively.

The objection to such employment, said Mr. Brown, was based on the grounds of health and too long hours. Work usually starts at 7 a.m., and a long stretch of 14 or 15 hours could not fail to have an adverse effect on the health of the workers even though, as in the present cases, the working conditions were good.

The cause of the trouble, continued the Labour Inspector, is that female workers are usually paid by the piece and so work any length of time in order to finish as many pieces as possible.

Defendants were advised by His Worship to refuse permission to those who asked to work late. A fine of \$150 each was imposed.

The two defendants were Lum Chak-sum of the Chung Kai Knitting Factory, 7 Castle Peak Road, summoned for employing 40 female workers at 9 p.m.; and Ma Tak-lung of the Man Cheung Weaving Co., 302-306 Castle Peak Road, who had 49 female workers on the premises at 8.50 p.m.

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OPIMUM RAID

Lan Fuk, aged 26, was fined \$1,000 or six months hard labour by Mr. d'Almeida when he was found guilty of keeping an opium divan at 5 Kung Yuen Street. Insp. Smith said that when the police raided the house defendant and five smokers were found smoking opium. Each of the smokers were fined \$30 or 24 hours in police custody.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel arrivals—Mr. & Mrs. T. H. Williams, Dr. Eduardo Bar, Mrs. M. F. Ritchie, Mrs. C. T. Hyde, Mrs. D. M. Corrie, Mrs. M. Kerr, Mrs. M. Coulson, Mrs. M. L. Harris, Miss L. Drake, Mrs. Woodhead, Mrs. V. Woodward, Mrs. R. G. Hopwood, Mrs. Cyril Rogers, Mrs. A. N. Mirams, Mr. and Mrs. E. de Chaffoy, de Couderles, Mrs. H. L. Kanny, Mrs. E. M. Grogan, Mrs. A. M. Davies, Mrs. H. E. Brown, Mrs. M. Parker, Captain J. T. Wakefield, Mrs. C. M. Marlowe.

Peninsula Hotel departures—Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Kanny, Mr. & Mrs. C. T. Wakefield, Mrs. C. E. L. Johnson, Mrs. E. E. Johnson.

Bao Dai, the former Emperor of Annam, who is now in exile in Hong Kong said he would not reassume power in Indo-China unless called upon by the Annamite people. He saw no immediate solution of the war in Indo-China, he said in an interview published in the newspaper Paris Presse this evening.

"I have been asked from all sides to return to the throne," he said. "To tell the truth, that trade has nothing tempting. But above all I would not accept unless in answer to the clearly expressed wish of the leaders of opinion in my country."

"That is not yet manifest. I do not know whether it will be manifest. But in any case I shall not return to Hue, the former capital of Annam, to set up a phantom Government."

"As for a restoration complicated by Regency, I do not believe that would have the slightest effectiveness for peace."

Speaking of Dr. Ho Chi-minh, the President of the Viet Nam Government, Bao Dai said: "I hold him in much esteem because he is a remarkable man and a real patriot. But he has not gauged the real difficulties of power."

"One morning at the beginning of March he came to pay me a visit. He was very discouraged. Negotiations with the French had reached an impasse. 'I have undertaken a task beyond my strength,' he told me. 'I renounce it. I ask you to take over the Government. You alone, with the prestige which you have, can dominate the difficulties.'"

"I refused," Bao Dai said.

No Solution Yet

Asked what solution he saw for the present conflict in Indo-China, Bao Dai replied: "Alas I do not see any immediately. The French and Annamites are in agreement and they cannot talk. They agree on independence and the union of the three countries, Tonking, Annam and Cochinchina, each with its own administration."

"Nobody wants to continue the war. But because there is no table around which to meet, the massacre continues. As for me, I can do nothing unless I am called by the Viet Namhese. Not only are Frenchmen falling day by day but millions of the Far Eastern peoples are going to die of hunger as a result of this war."

"Two million tons of rice which Indo-China was to export this year were the only hope for millions of Chinese. Indo-China, the only country to weather the war intact, was a promise of abundance and prosperity. 'Now it is only ruins and mourning and each day is worse.'—Reuter.

Truce Talks?

Saloon, Apr. 1. Informed political quarters, discussing the prospects for an early peace in Indo-China, immediately after the arrival in Saigon of the new High Commissioner, M. Emile Bollaert, tonight forecast that Bao Dai may soon be arriving in Saigon as "Ho Chi-minh's authorised emissary to discuss an immediate truce."

Dr. Ho's representative, it is reported, recently met Bao Dai in Hong Kong where he has been in exile since his abdication 18 months ago, and conveyed what is regarded as the basis of a peace offer. Bao Dai will also convey Ho Chi-minh's "minimum peace conditions."

Briefly these terms will stipulate that the 15,000,000 Annamites of Tonking, Laos, and Cochinchina should comprise a single united Republic which shall be part of the French Union and that Cochinchina should not be separated from the Annamite Union, although Ho Chi-minh is prepared to accept the verdict of the referendum on Cochinchina's political status.—Reuter.

For being in possession of a pipe for smoking opium, Chan Wing was fined \$400 or 6 months hard labour by Mr. d'Almeida at Central yesterday. Insp. Smith said that he raided the house and found the pipe in the bedroom.

Police Promotions

Chinese Sub-Inspector Siu Chung-yin was warmly congratulated by his colleagues in Kowloon yesterday on his promotion on April 1 to the rank of Local Inspector. Inspector Siu was mainly responsible for the suppression of a certain gang of dangerous characters.

Four other Chinese Sub-Inspectors—Fong Yik-fai, Wong Wing-yin, Ho Hung-chung and Alfred Fong-chung—have also been promoted Local Inspectors.

Chief Inspector C. Wilcox, formerly of the Water Police, has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of Police and Officer-in-Charge of Sham-shui Police Station, replacing Mr. Charles Mottram, ASP, who has been transferred to Kowloon City Station.

ASP R. S. Haig-Brown, formerly Commandant Kowloon City, has gone over to the Eastern and Quarry Bay Division, while Chief Inspector W. Gowans has been appointed Chief Inspector, Water Police.

Chief Inspector (formerly Divisional Inspector) W. S. McHardy of Yaumati has been appointed understudy to Chief Inspector Carruthers, O/C New Territories. CI McHardy's place at Yaumati will be taken by Chief Inspector F. J. D. Portallion.

Two other popular promotions are those of Divisional Inspector F. J. Clarke of Kowloon City (who may be remembered in connection with the Kowloon City robbery and kidnapping case recently) to the substantive rank of Chief Inspector and Detective Inspector W. V. Williamson (the officer who "cracked" the Hop Yik Pawnshop threatening letter case) to Chief Detective Inspector, Hong Kong.

Opium By Air

Pleading guilty through Mr. Marcus du Silla to the charge of possession of 12 lb. raw opium at Kai-Tak Airfield on March 20, Chan Ming-chai, 42, ship foki of Bangkok, was fined \$500 by Mr. Lalmer at Kowloon yesterday.

Prosecuting, R. O. Fowler stated that defendant was stopped by a Chinese Revenue Officer when he stepped out of a TAA plane and was asked to open his suitcase. He refused and when the CRO wanted to pierce the lid accused objected.

Money Mart

There was little change in the money market yesterday and rates again fluctuated within narrow margins. Gold opened at \$275.75 a tael and closed at \$276.25.

Plasters opened at \$11.00 per 100 and closed at \$11.30. Fluctuations ranged between \$10.50 and \$11.45.

Chinese National Currency was quoted at 41 cents nominal for futures. Spot fluctuated between 47 and 47½ cents for CN\$1,000.

U.S. dollars were easier at \$4.82. Sterling dropped rather heavily to \$14.17, and Australian pounds were also easier at \$12.50.

MENINGITIS CASES

There were 85 cases, and 48 deaths, of tuberculosis in the Colony during the period Mar. 22-29. Other infectious cases included 61 cases (7 deaths) of cerebrospinal meningitis, 12 cases (12 deaths) of malaria, and a grand total of 188 cases with 73 deaths.

Births during the period totalled 622, of which 366 were on the island. Deaths from all causes amounted to 308.

Seoul, Korea, Apr. 1. The British Consulate-General in Seoul has been officially recognised by the American Military Government. It was announced by the Acting Commanding General of South Korea.—Reuter.

WITHOUT COMMENT

The following advertisement appeared in Hong Kong newspapers on July 9th, 1890:—"That comfortable four-roomed bungalow with spacious verandah and outhouses, immediately westward of the S.W. corner of the Magistracy Compound, and lately in occupation of Mrs. Captain Widd. Rent, \$15 per month. Apply on the premises."

Soldiers In Bus Coincidence

On Mr. Blair-Kerr deciding to convict Li Kau, 24, and Sin Pin, 24, Chinese members of the R. A. at Argyle Street Camp, on the charges of attempting to avoid payment of the legal bus fare and assaulting bus conductor Li Kai on March 31, Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, representing the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. Ltd., said that he must press the case, firstly, to protect bus conductors, and secondly, to protect the revenue of the Company which has to pay a franchise to the Government.

According to the prosecution, conducted by Mr. Hugh-Jones, assisted by Inspector J. Oram, the defendants boarded bus 4205 at about 7 p.m. on March 31 at Yaumati. When asked to pay their fare they refused and said "We are soldiers." A quarrel arose between the conductor and the defendants.

When Li Kai stopped the bus outside the Bus Co.'s premises to make a report the two defendants alighted and struck him with their fists. They ran away and were not seen again until, by a strange coincidence, they boarded the same bus at 11.45 p.m. The conductor recognised Li Kau as the man who had struck him and told the driver to stop the vehicle at the Mong Kok Police Station.

Giving evidence on their own behalf, both accused denied having struck the complainant or that they had refused to pay their fare. They said that Li Kau was not in uniform at the time.

Telling both accused that soldiers in uniform have to pay half fare, His Worship fined both defendants \$10 on the first count and \$20 on the second, after having ascertained that their pay was \$30 a month.

March Weather

Reporting on the weather, the Royal Observatory says that March is usually dull, but last month was noteworthy for two periods of brilliant weather between the 11th and 15th and the 23rd and 30th. Thus the sunshine total of 137 hours was 43 hours above normal.

Otherwise, conditions departed little from average, with rainfall 72.4 mm. (2.8 in. below); mean relative humidity 80% (3% below); mean dew point 57 deg. F. (1 deg. below) and mean temperature 62.9 deg. F. (0.2 deg. F. below).

The maximum temperature, 79.0 deg. F., occurred on March 28th and the minimum, 49.6 deg. F., on March 10th.

Arrested by S.I. Howlett

in possession of 440 yards of electric cables, valued at \$600, the property of the R.A.F. Kai Tak, Wong So, 21, coolie, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

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FORMOSAN EXECUTIONS CRITICISED

Nanking, Apr. 2. The Kuomintang Central Standing Committee today approved the resolution to recall General Chen Yi, Governor of Formosa, passed at the recent third plenary session of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee.

It was also reported to have endorsed the CEC decision calling for punishment of all Government officials responsible for the mid-February "gold rush" in Shanghai.

Executions of Formosans by Government forces in reprisal for the uprising which swept the island last month were still continuing by March 27, although troops had quelled the revolt completely by the middle of March, Mr. John W. Powell, American editor of the "Shanghai Weekly Review" told the "China Evening Post" today.

Mr. Powell, who returned to Shanghai from Formosa last week after an eight-day visit to the island, said that bodies of Formosans were still floating in Keelung harbour on March 27 long after the rioting ceased, adding that the bodies had only been shot recently and were the result of executions following mass arrests in every part of the island.

Foreigners in Formosa—chiefly missionaries, UNRRA personnel and businessmen—were unanimous in their comment that the behaviour of the Chinese troops was an "unparalleled massacre" which would alienate Formosa feelings for the Chinese Government for a long time to come, Mr. Powell said.—Reuter.



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GAOL DOCTOR'S TRIAL

Dr. Talbot Gives Evidence Against Japanese

Sir Vandeleur Grayburn's Case

Dr. Harry Talbot testified at No. 7 War Crimes Court yesterday that he definitely knew Sir Vandeleur Grayburn received no medical attention from the Japanese prison doctor at Stanley Gaol in his last illness despite the fact the doctor was approached four times by an Indian warder with a request that he attend on Sir Vandeleur.

A request from the Indian warder that Dr. Talbot be permitted to attend Sir Vandeleur was also turned down. Finally, the warder brought him to see Sir Vandeleur in spite of permission being withheld.

He saw Sir Vandeleur twice. He advised the warder, Kader Bux, to obtain sulfanilamide tablets. This Kader Bux managed to smuggle in but it was already too late as Sir Vandeleur was in an advanced stage of septicaemia.

The doctor was the first witness called yesterday when the trial continued at No. 7 War Crimes Court. Dr. Talbot, medical officer in charge of Stanley Gaol Hospital from October, 1942, until the Japanese surrender.

Dr. Talbot said he was arrested by the Japanese on April 27, 1943, and lodged in Stanley Gaol until Sept. 30 of the same year. While at the Gaol he only saw Dr. Sato once. For sixteen days he was a patient in the prison hospital.

Not Cured

He had a large carbuncle on his back and had to induce the No. 1 Medical Officer to open it. The order had never been performed a surgical operation and was loath to stick a knife into the carbuncle, not knowing what would happen. The carbuncle was not cured until he had left the prison and been in the Stanley Internment Camp Hospital for several weeks.

"I only saw accused once during the period I was at Stanley Gaol," Dr. Talbot said. "I made repeated requests for my dark glasses as I had constant headaches without them and I finally was permitted an interview with him. He refused to return the glasses and told me through an interpreter that he could not see any reason why I should have headaches. I did not have the glasses returned to me till I left the prison."

"There were two wards at the hospital. One was definitely overcrowded, the other (in which I was) was full. All the medicine the prisoners had was sent in by their wives or smuggled in. That applied only to the Chinese prisoners. The others were not allowed to have any sent in to them and it was only in the last few days I was in prison that some match boxes full of vitamin pills were allowed in from the camp."

Obvious Minimum

"There was not a patient who was not suffering from vitamin deficiency, particularly beriberi. The patients received eight ounces of rice with a very small quantity of vegetable, usually marrow. It was the obvious minimum, because I have never seen such bad cases of malnutrition as I saw in that hospital. I don't think many of the patients would have recovered at all if they did not have food sent in from the other prisoners who received some from outside."

"It took me six weeks of good food at Stanley Camp Hospital before I was sufficiently recovered to be discharged. Prisoners hesitated to report sickness be-

cause they knew at the hospital they would be placed on half diet."

"I saw Sir Vandeleur Grayburn the day after I arrived at Stanley Gaol. He remained at the gaol until he died in the hospital. I believe he died of septicaemia. I saw him daily until the time he was admitted to hospital. I think he was admitted there about three times, once, I think, with dysentery, and twice with severe boils."

"He was never given anything but a little ointment and when he came out of hospital he complained of lack of medical attention. He never told me of having been seen by any doctor. I knew definitely he was not seen by any doctor during his last illness when he died."

Refused Attention

"The No. 1 Indian Orderly told me he had applied for the doctor to come and see him but had been refused four times. He then applied for permission for me to see him. He was refused. He also refused to see him. In spite of the Japanese refusal to permit me to see him, the Head Orderly took me to see him twice. This had to be done while there were no Japanese around and I had to be ushered around corners."

"The first time I saw him he was suffering from high fever. Though he responded to questions he was slightly delirious. I advised the medical orderly to get some sulfanilamide tablets. Kader Bux smuggled the tablets in. When I saw him again the next day he was comatose. He was too far gone for anything to be done. He had been admitted to hospital suffering from boils when he was already getting worse. Because of insufficient dressings he got into the habit of squeezing the boils out himself. My own carbuncle was not dressed and I had to get Morrison to squeeze the stuff out of it. In my opinion he would not have had septicaemia if he did not have to squeeze the boil out himself. I had the stuff administered early enough he would have been cured."

Open Wound

"I saw Edmundson within a few days of being admitted to the hospital. He was suffering from an enormous carbuncle occupying the whole of the back of his neck. I used to dress it for him daily. I don't know how long he remained at the hospital after I left. By that time there was a very open wound at the back of his neck that would have taken two months to heal. During the time I was in hospital he received no treatment from the Japanese medical officer. Continual sepsis must have contributed to his death."

The next witness was Mr. C. F. Miles, Chief Steward of the Hong Kong Government Medical Department, who said that he arrived in Hong Kong in November, 1945, to take charge of all medical stores found in the Colony by the British Military Administration after the Japanese surrender.

On his arrival he took over two large stores which had already been uncovered. One, situated on the sixth floor of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building and occupying the whole of the floor, consisted of nine rooms completely packed with drugs. There was another large store of drugs at the Government Stores godown, North Point.

Various Origin

The drugs were of various origin, many of them obviously British, American and Chinese drugs that had been here since the occupation of the Colony by the Japanese. Some bore markings which showed they had come from the Japanese establishments in the Colony. In addition there was a large amount of Japanese drugs, surgical instruments and

dressings, which was handed over to the Chinese Military. As the Colony had to depend upon this supply of drugs (very small quantities were shipped in over the first few months of the Military Administration and these proved sufficient to last to the end of January, 1946) the drug situation he considered was pretty good with the exception of a few special items such as penicillin.

Thirty Died

The next witness, Chan Wai-chi, said that she had been sentenced by the Japanese to 15 years' imprisonment on Oct. 19, 1943. She was a qualified nurse and was ordered to work at the prison hospital, where there were also four male nurses. She knew accused as the medical officer in charge and saw him when he visited the hospital about once a month—sometimes once in two months.

What accused usually did on his visits to the hospital was to walk around followed by an Indian warder. He would look at the card or plate at each bed and listen to explanations from the warder. He never asked any of the patients. He would examine two or three of the 20 or 30 patients. Medicines were sometimes given the patients. She remained at the hospital until mid-September, 1944, when she was transferred to the female block and other work. During the period she worked as a nurse some 30 patients died. They were mostly Chinese, some Indians, and, she thought, one or two Europeans.

The final witness heard yesterday was Chung Sze-man, who said that he was arrested by the Japanese and brought to Stanley Gaol about July, 1944. He was released when the Japanese surrendered. Most of this period he had been assigned to duties as a male nurse at the hospital. He only remembered seeing accused on three occasions. He had helped carry out some 60 or 60 patients who died. Cause of death, he thought, was largely a diarrhoea and beriberi.

Hearing of the case continues this morning.

UPRISING QUELLED

Paris, Apr. 2.—The uprising of natives in the French island colony of Madagascar off the East African coast has been quelled, at least temporarily, and order reigns throughout most of the island today, the latest official reports received by the French Ministry of Colonies said.—Reuter.

EQUINE SPORTS CLUB

A General Meeting will be held at the Sports Club (by courtesy) on Wednesday, April 9, 1947, at 5.45 p.m. to discuss plans to reactivate the Club's functions. All members are urged to attend.

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Dated at Hong Kong this 1st day of April, 1947.

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HARBOUR DEPARTMENT

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders, in triplicate, for the purchase of the following unserviceable craft will be received at the office of the Chairman of the Tender Board, Public Works Department, until Noon on Friday, 18th April, 1947. The tender should be clearly marked "Tender for the purchase of unserviceable craft".

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J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hong Kong, 2nd April, 1947.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

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Harbour Department,
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Applicants should apply with references of good character in person, to the Chief Inspector, Police Headquarters, Oriental Building, Connaught Road, Central as soon as possible.

(Sd.) D. W. MACINTOSH,
Commissioner of Police.

Hong Kong, 27th March, 1947.

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Kowloon Customs Office.
Marina House,
Hong Kong, 28th March 1947.

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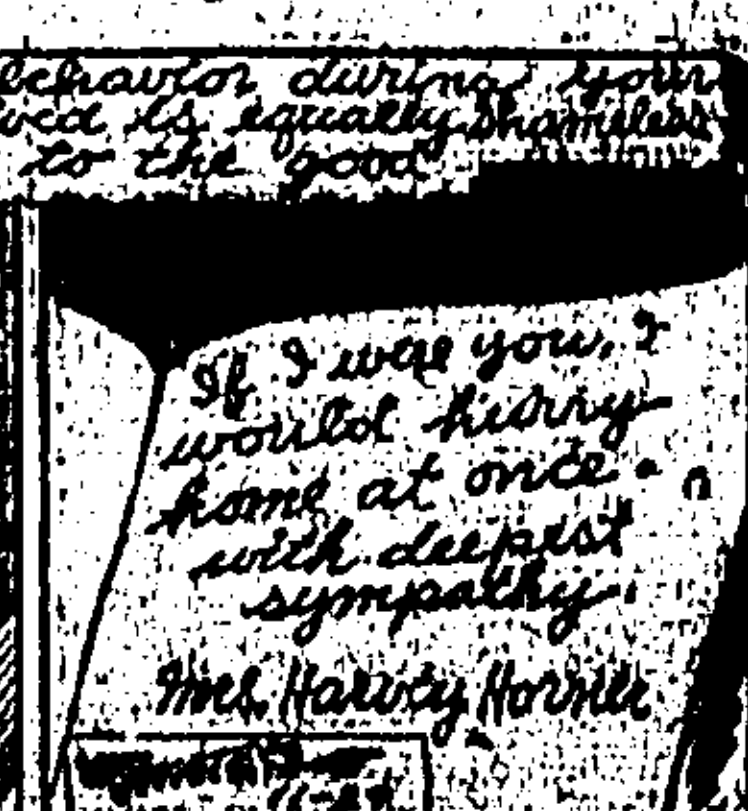
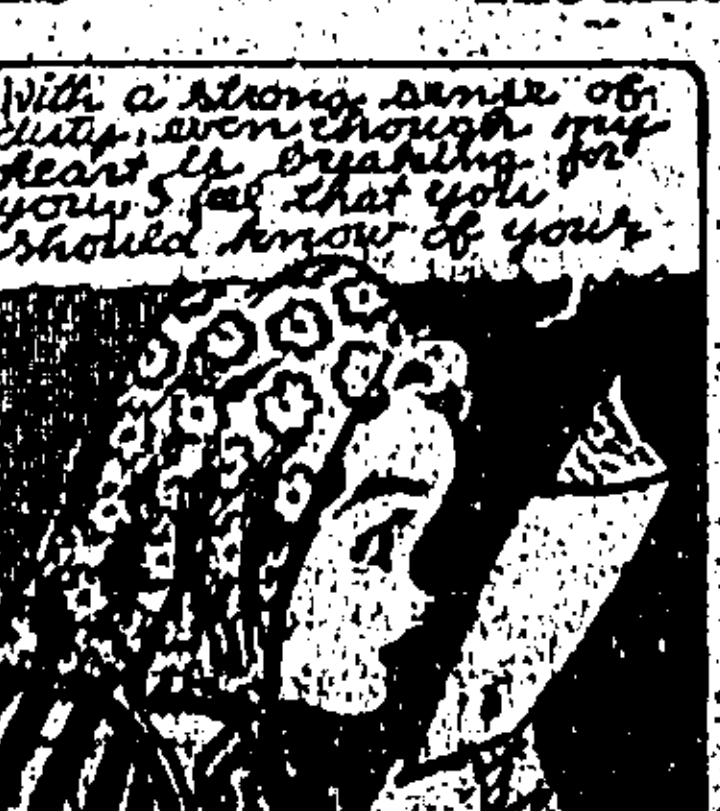
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INCOME TAX DECISIONS

Two things emerge clearly from the official announcement on Income Tax made last evening. Government still intends to proceed with the Inland Revenue Bill despite the critics and despite the view of the augmented Taxation Committee that it should be postponed for twelve months. Government has compromised to an important extent and it is now a reasonable assumption that the standard rate will not be in excess of ten per cent. In addition, the Bill is to be submitted to detailed examination by yet another committee with a view to the removal of any provisions which might inflict special hardship on any section of the community—a term of reference which can be as wide or as narrow as the committee, in its judgment, chooses to decide—and to the removal of anomalies or conflicts between various provisions of the draft Bill. These decisions are such as may well justify a re-assessment of the present public attitude to the plan for direct taxation, especially in the light of the submission by a nine-man committee, which includes but one Government official, even though he may be the potential taxgatherer-in-chief. The feeling that the time is inopportune will not, however, readily succumb either to the sharp cut in the standard rate or to the invitation to eight of the Colony's business and professional men to improve upon the structure of the proposed Ordinance and render it more acceptable. Postponement for a year, regarding that just ended as a year of struggle and rehabilitation, an abnormal year not appropriately to be taxed upon retrospectively, will still appear to a goodly majority as the soundest and most practical of policies. Salaries already spent and business profits set off against severe war losses and necessarily churned back into the business, appeal to few as suitable and justifiable sources of surprise taxation. The lower level of the standard rate, as now proposed, comes merely as a mitigating factor. Much will, of course, finally depend upon the findings and recommendations of the committee headed by the Hon. Mr. A. Morse. Mr. Morse's views on direct taxation were clearly expressed at the recent meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, but while he refused to subscribe to the clamour against Income Tax, he made one important reservation—that persons on the lower scales of salaries should not have their standard of living reduced. Since Government is determined to push the Inland Revenue Bill through, therefore, Mr. Morse is perhaps the happiest choice of chairman of the new committee. The assurance is provided that while the main issue must be regarded as settled, slight will not be lost of the possible consequences to the Little Man. If his interests are safeguarded, and we may accept Ten Per Cent as the maximum, we may perhaps come round eventually to the point of congratulations to Government upon a wise decision, upon concessions not only to sound reason, but to the pressure of public opinion.

MANILA FIRE

Manila, April 2. A fire of unknown origin swept a Philippine Government salvage depot at Grace Park near Manila and razed for more than five hours, while the Fire Department was helpless due to lack of water hydrants. The fire paralleled another disastrous blaze which burned large supplies at Makati on March 18 shortly after the property changed hands. Associated Press.

CHIANG IN SHAI

Shanghai, April 2. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek arrived this afternoon from Nanjing aboard his private plane on his way to his native home at Chikow, Chekiang, where he will visit his mother's grave. Among those welcoming him at the airport was ex-Premier T. T. S'ung. Reuters.

A Touch Of Anti-Climax On Economics

Although most people nowadays are realising how much curbs the Government has placed on international conditions there was intended interest in this week's Commons' change-over from foreign affairs which have dominated debates recently to concentration on home affairs. Primary cause of this switch was looking after our own business was the Churchillian vote of censure which he hitched up to the debate on the White Paper on Britain's economic position. Once more we were warned beforehand that this would be a minor attack on the Labour Cabinet. There were insinuations that rebels within the Labour Party were this time going to give Mr. Attlee a first class headache and solemn stories were circulated about three line Whips being issued. General suggestion was the Labour Cabinet was about to face its most gruelling test since it took office. A three days' debate was arranged and there were whippers that "nothing might happen." The actual proceedings had a touch of anticlimax about them.

You will have already have read voluminous reports of the debate published in the Press and though they made excellent reading matter the average citizen finished up echoing the words of Mr. Clement Davies, Liberal MP, "Where do we go from here?"

Realistic Gravity

When Cripps opened amid an atmosphere of realistic gravity we felt that this debate would be going to get somewhere. Almost every MP had a copy of the White Paper Economic Survey for 1947 on his knees and they were so busily juggling down notes as he spoke that he was only interrupted twice in his two hours' oration.

Everybody waited breathlessly for him to reveal whatever plan the Government had for pulling us through our admitted serious situation. Short of such minor hints as the likelihood of coal rationing for domestic use, the future of the various incentive schemes into wage systems and George Isaacs' subsequent warning that mid-week sport was to be abandoned and football pools skeletonised to release all possible manpower, the only purpose of the Cabinet plan appeared to be the strengthening of inter-Government planning staffs who would be co-ordinated under a sort of super-planner in chief. Labour MPs had already been told behind the scenes about this planning idea and it pressed that this industrial and economic high command should be vested in the Cabinet itself.

But Mr. Attlee would not have this as he felt it might diminish the individual sense of responsibility of the various ministers. This uneasy feeling in the Labour ranks that the new plan was not quite good enough was probably behind the small storm which broke out when it was realised that a only fraction of the hundred and twenty members of all Parties were indicated a desire to speak would possibly be heard within the limits of a three-day debate. They gnashed their teeth in vain.

Stolen Thunder

Big guns on the Treasury find Opposition benches stole most of the oracular thunder and disgruntled backbenchers and off-benchers all depressed with the feeling that the speeches had been political rather than constructive. Nobody on the Treasury bench added anything very solid to Sir Stafford Cripps' broad outline. Possibly they thought enough to be going on with it. But about the middle of the second day, deterioration set in. Mr. Alexander began it by provocative trailing of his coat with allegations against Conservative inaction when they held power which set a tone of "You expect the banding in front of which disgraced several subsequent speeches from both sides of the House. Mr. Churchill continued this theme in a speech which was characteristically brilliant in phrasing, but offered nothing else one could get one's teeth into.

And thus the most important Parliamentary discussion of modern times ground its way along with plenty of clever cackle but precious little in the way of productive ideas. It was a grand debate, rather than a grand one, national leaders and the final fact that Mr. Churchill's vote of censure was heavily defeated in division lobbies and Government's own motion patting itself on the back went through successfully several afterwards to have no significance whatever. Parliament has in effect said to the nation there is no other road to recovery from the cumulative effects of two disastrous years than for everyone to work harder and longer hours. Among the side issues of the debate was hint of disagreement within the Labour Party on the question of the size of the defence forces.

Many MPs contend the Army in particular should be drastically reduced so as to free manpower for the home industry but Mr. Alexander, emphatically declined to budge from establishments already fixed up to March 1949. But those who imagined rebel Labour members would embarrass their own Government were doomed to disappointment. Instead rumoury were revived that

Conservative backbenchers and some front benchers want the active leadership of the Opposition to be taken out of Mr. Churchill's hands though they still want to retain his powers of massive oratory and political phrase inventiveness. One of his plans this week was to refer to the size of the Civil Service adding:

Lighter Moments

"The Socialist ideal is to reduce us to one vast Wormwood Scrubbery but," he went on, "I do not wish to exaggerate because at Wormwood Scrubbery there is only one official to every four prisoners. Whereas up to now we have the advantage of only one official to look after every eight wage earners or producers."

Two or three other lighter moments illumined an otherwise sombre debate. The best of these was Mr. Clement Davies' comment that the song in the heart of the Chancellor of the Exchequer might turn out to be wind on the national stomach. But though the level of most speeches was high, the time was past for mere word spinning and that our sick economic condition cannot be cured even by the most brilliant oratory.

Nevertheless, the Commons as a whole refused to accept the gloomy foreboding of Oliver Wyllie, one of Cripps' predecessors at the Board of Trade, that "national bankruptcy is not far away." They preferred Cripps' own summing up, "Any one who looks at a realistic picture of the things set forth in the Economic Survey, as portraying disaster or forecasting catastrophe must completely misunderstand the temperance of the British people. It is a challenge to achievement by the people and it is not a record of their failure." That was said in the first few hours of the debate and nothing said afterwards during the three days lessened the import of Cripps' message.

Diagnosis

As the members filed through the lobbies for the eventual divisions they seemed to imply that the debate was a National Inquest without a dead body and Britain is anything but a corpse. Truly she is sick but plenty of doctors are in attendance and they now have the disease fairly rebusly diagnosed.

Purpose of the new planning arrangements now proposed will be to decide the best remedial treatment. Points about the size of the British Army came up again on the discussion of the Army Estimates when it became apparent that a section of Labour members was still uneasy. Mr. Callaghan (Labour MP), whose remarks during the Economic debate were generally believed to have been the cause of Mr. Alexander's unusual loss of

temper which precipitated the only unruly scene in that decorous discussion, supported Mr. Wyllie's allegations of waste of manpower in the forces but amendments were withdrawn without being forced to a division. The average soldier's chief interest in the debate will probably be in those new buttons that will not need polishing. Behind the scenes, fairly warm argument is developing over the size of the armed forces and may come to a head when Liberals propose the rejection of the National Service Bill on the ground that manpower is essential for maximum production effort at home.

Where We Came In

All this of course will bring us back again into the field of foreign affairs. Thus it is a case of "This is where we came in" as we say at the cinema. The Commons is beginning to grasp the fundamental fact that increased comforts at home can only come from increased harmony abroad so that the result of the discussions now going on in Moscow must be eagerly awaited and observed before we can do anything really effective at Westminster.

Communist Leader's Grim Story Of Il Duce's Death

Rome, Mar. 30. Walter Audisio, 37-year-old, Communist partisan who executed Mussolini, told a wildly cheering crowd of between 15,000 and 20,000 Romans today that the Fascist dictator "trembled before death and died vilely."

Audisio, mystery partisan known until recently only as Colonel Valerio, described the last moments of Mussolini at a significant open air political rally in Massenzio Basilica, the massive arched ruins of a former pagan temple which overlooks the Roman Forum.

It was Audisio's first public appearance since the Communists revealed his identity two weeks ago. His hour and 40 minutes address was a careful synthesis of the Communist Party line on Mussolini's death, the missing Mussolini treasure, the dangers of neo-Fascism and Anglo-American imperialism. But it also proved that a former bank clerk who turned Communist hero and who appeared in a blue baret and yellow overcoat was an excellent orator with a sense of humour. It also disclosed:

The Communists believe Mr. Winston Churchill stole his



"Where is your professional spirit, O'Dowd? You can't let a little cold get you down—the show must go on!"

letters to Mussolini from the Duce's missing treasure hoard. 2. Colonel Charles Pollett, former Lieutenant Governor of New York, approved of Mussolini's execution without trial.

Heavy Guard

Audisio spoke from a raised platform bearing two Communist and four Italian flags and was guarded by hundreds of uniformed Italian civil police as well as a few jeeps of Anglo-American military police plus hundreds of Communist plainclothesmen.

Communists fear for his life at the hands of political enemies or residual Fascist fanatics and the belief his life is "not worth a soldo" has become the theme of restaurant jokes and serious discussion in every police station and political headquarters.

Finally coming to the actual execution of Mussolini which he carried out on April 28, 1946, near the village of Dongo and which the crowd had come to hear, Audisio related:

"On how Mussolini behaved I tell you without fear of any denial I had the impression of shooting not men but beings inferior to men. When a man is feeling death he must know how to acquire the minimum of human dignity but instead Mussolini trembled before death. He did not recall his dear ones, neither his wife nor his children. He did not utter anything of spiritual value. And he made his memory say he died more vilely than the other Fascist chiefs shot at Dongo."

Firearms Fail

On the actual execution in which Mussolini and his mistress were moved down before a brick wall by his machinegun, Audisio mentioned only he had been charged with seeing "firearms functioned although they did not function at all."

Audisio told his listeners they could read other details of the execution in the newspapers—the Communist newspaper "Unita" has copyrighted his story in Italy and for sale abroad—but his references to the non-functioning of the firearms has been told by others.

The first machinegun failed to fire. The revolver also failed and the Duce was killed by five shots from the second machinegun which then turned on Petacchi. Because romantic Italians criticised Petacchi's execution Audisio did not once utter her name.

Because the execution has become a political football between the Communists and the Rightists, Audisio was mostly on the defensive. "Another point has been raised against me, that I did not give Mussolini time to confess himself. I must ask if at that moment I was to worry even for his soul. If this great man had asked for a priest I would not have objected. On our way to the place of execution we passed a small church and if he wanted it would have been easy to ask a priest to come out or to have gone inside and made his confession. The truth is he was so scared he did not think of this. This is a political manoeuvre, nothing more."

Too Pressed

Audisio explained he did tell Fr. Adolfo, the Dongo priest, he was too pressed for time to allow the priest to administer the Last Sacraments to the 16 Fascist leaders executed separately from Mussolini and Petacchi at Dongo. But he said he told the priest he could administer to them all together. Which was done in these words by Fr. Adolfo: "In this supreme moment I turn my mind to God to ask his mercy for the sins and

crimes of which you are guilty. His mercy is infinite."

Audisio said the bodies of Mussolini, Petacchi and the others were taken to Piazza Loreto in Milan where they were mauled and spat on by a crowd before being hanged by their heels. They were hung by their heels because there was a moral significance in exposing them in Piazza Loreto where 14 of our martyrs had been slain.

In an effort to counter-act the growing sentiment against the execution and desecration of the bodies, Audisio said "There is now speculation on the so-called massacre of Dongo, and the ugly affair of Piazza Loreto. I want to tell you something quite new which I called the 'National Liberation Committee of Northern Italy' (which ordered the execution) at the time."

"At first the Committee was afraid the execution would hurt the Allies. But Colonel Pollett, then the civil commander for the north, arrived in Milan on the morning of April 28. He went directly to Piazza Loreto and expressed himself as 'Okay, Okay, Italians are good Italians.'"

"Okay" At that moment a group of young Communists brought around Achille Starace (former Fascist Party secretary). He was shot right under the eyes of Pollett who again said "Okay, Italians. Justice is done." This was also the impression Pollett passed on to the Liberation Committee. Audisio, who was very specific on his written orders from the Liberation Committee to execute Mussolini and the others, said he had no orders on the treasure which the last Fascist column reportedly was carrying.

The anti-Communist opposition now charges Audisio's 62nd Communist Partisan Brigade seized the treasure including 20,000,000,000 lire in gold for the Communist Party.

After repeating the Communist explanation that most of the treasure was dispersed among the local population where the Fascist column halted for six hours on the road before Dongo, Audisio said: "What I know is the so-called treasure included a leather bag which was Mussolini's and which contained letters between Hitler and Mussolini, documents on the Verona trial (before which Mussolini's son-in-law and Foreign Minister, Galeazzo Ciano, was condemned before his execution by shooting)."

This bag also contained correspondence with the man with a cigar, Mr. Winston Churchill, who wrote to Mussolini beginning "Dear Mussolini—United Front."

Gibraltar Garrison

London, April 1. Asked in the House of Commons today whether steps were being taken to reduce the size of the garrison in Gibraltar, Mr. Bellenger, the War Minister, replied to Mr. Swinger (Labour, Stafford): "No. The garrison has already been reduced to the minimum which is considered necessary."

Mr. Swinger asked if Mr. Bellenger was aware that it had been alleged that Gibraltar is so swamped with troops that there is no room to train them and would be categorically deny the allegation. Mr. Bellenger: "No, sir. Do you think I should be held responsible for any statement alleged or authorised in the newspapers? The garrison has been reduced to a minimum and if that conflicts with the newspapers' statement I am sorry for the newspapers."—Reuters.

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S. K. Q. 8
H. A. Q. 10 7 3
D. Q. J 10
C. 4

S. A. 9 7 2 N. S. 10 6 5
H. 8 6 5 W. E. 4 3
D. K. 9 4 E. H. 9 2
C. 10 8 S. D. A 7 6 3
C. 9 7

S. J
H. K 4
D. 8 5
C. A. K. Q. J. 6 5 3 2
(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)

South: West North East
1. 5 C Pass Pass Pass
2. 1 C Pass 1 H Pass
3. C Pass 3 NT

The first sequence above is what you want to call a single bid a sequence is what actually occurred on this rubber bridge hand. The second sequence is what might have occurred. If South had been a sounder bidder, or North might have rebid hearts and a game would have resulted.

There was no way to keep South from getting set at his 5 Clubs, as the defenders won the spade A, diamond A and diamond K before South could untrack himself.

"What a terrible bid!" exclaimed North as he saw one-by-one the cards of South's hand. "We had a laydown for ten tricks at either No Trumps or hearts. You should have started with one, as your hand was good for a sure eight tricks at No Trumps if I could stop the other suits before the defense had five tricks."

It was a terrible bid. Most fine players will not make a preemptive call of three or more nowadays unless their hand is worthless on the defense, with no ace in the hand, not even in the long suit, and with nothing as good as a king on the side. They have learned that any better high card holdings are too useful to their partners to justify starting high. Sometimes they will make such a bid in third hand position, opposite a passing partner, when holding the ace of their suit or one side king, but almost never with anything better.

Tomorrow's Problem

S. 7 5
H. A. Q. 4
D. A. K. Q. 10 4 3
C. K

S. 10 8 4 N. E. H. 10 5
H. J. 9 2 W. E. D. 9 7 2
D. J. 5 C. Q. 10 9
C. 3 2 S. C. A. J. 7 5

S. A. 9 6 3
H. K. 8 7 3
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C. 9 8 4

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"FIFTH COLUMN" IN U.S.A.

Washington, Apr. 1. The House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities today accused the Communist Party of being the "fifth column" within our midst and demanded that it be prosecuted for failure to register as an agent of a foreign power.

Mr. J. Parnell Thomas, Chairman of the Committee, asked the Attorney-General to take proceedings against the Party and its officials under the alien registration laws.—Reuter.

Winchester College Damaged

Winchester, Apr. 1. Fire damaged the centre block at Winchester College—which includes the common rooms and masters' and prefects' studies—early today before the school broke up for Easter.

Brigades from Eastleigh and Southampton were called to help the Winchester firemen.

Mr. W.F. Makershott, the headmaster, said: "We are lucky that none of the ancient buildings was affected."

It was four hours before the fire was brought under control. Later boys leaving for home dumped their luggage and dashed into the buildings to find souvenirs.—Reuter.

U.S. Challenge To Soviet Russia

Moscow, Apr. 1. The United States today challenged Soviet Russia to begin making concessions on Germany or to postpone indefinitely negotiation on the German peace treaty.

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov will have an opportunity to reveal an answer late today when the Ministers for the first time here meet in a small informal session, accompanied only by two advisers and one interpreter each.

It will be recalled last November, after 14 months of fruitless negotiation on the Italian and satellite treaties, the former U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Byrnes, proposed adjournment with an announcement of failure, whereupon the next day the Soviets began compromising.

A significant reaction to Gen. Marshall's speech was the failure of Moscow papers to mention either it or Mr. Molotov's reply. Instead, they carried one paragraph.

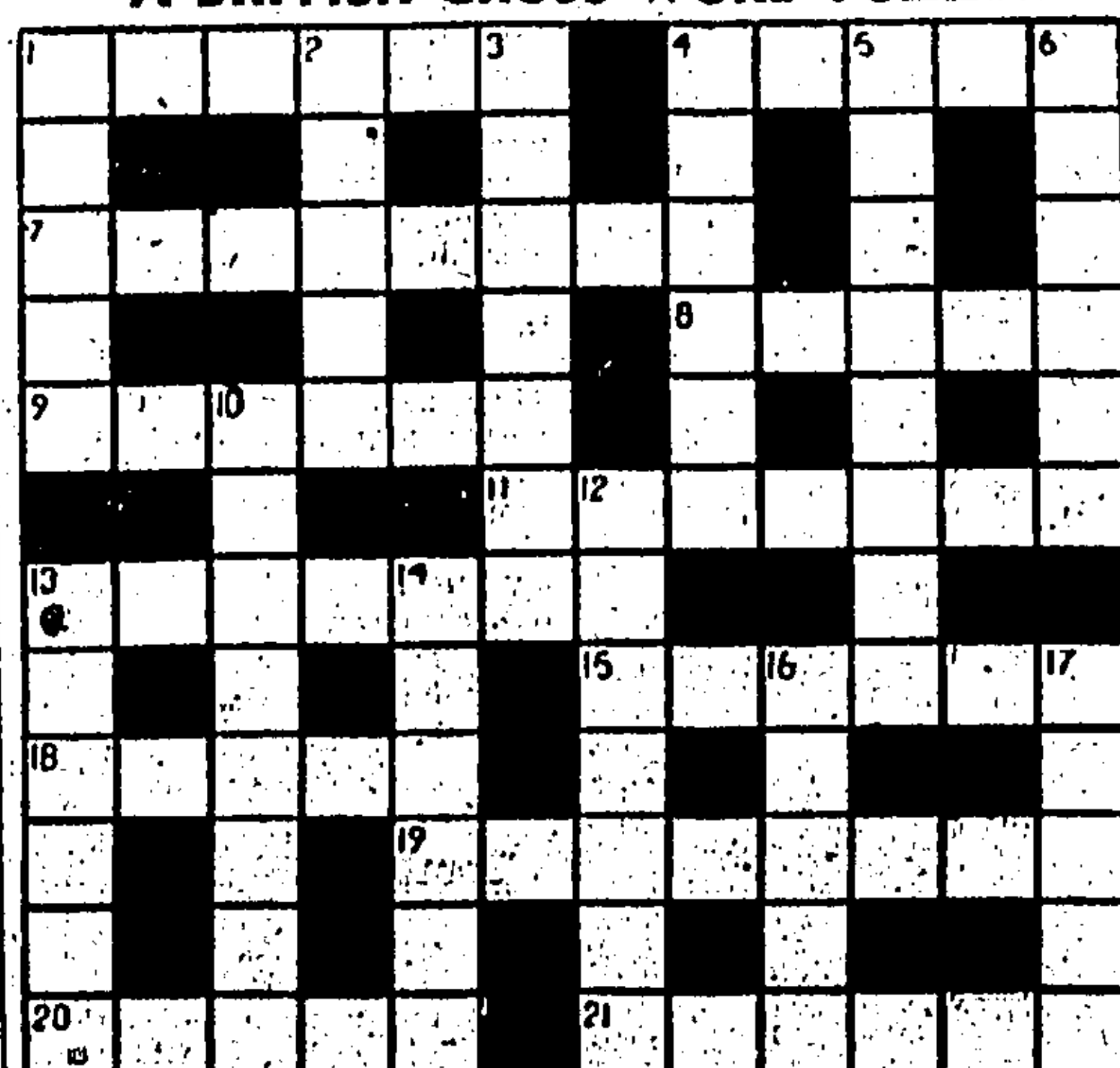
Observers considered significant that Mr. John Foster

Dulles—Gen. Marshall's Republican adviser, who has been the particular target of Soviet press attacks—at his own request is not attending today's informal conference. It was interpreted as part of an all-out effort to eliminate any possible stumbling blocks to Soviet concessions, if they are willing to make any.

Gen. Marshall meanwhile announced that his advisers at the conference will be Ambassador Bedell-Smith and State Department counsellor Ben Cohen.—United Press.

Ikyrenia, Cyprus, Apr. 1. The British ferry boats, "Ocean Victor" and "Empire Rival," which arrived at Famagusta today from Haifa, disembarked without incident 1,574 Jewish immigrants, who were sent to Carnaxos.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

1. Badger dog.
2. Pinnace.
3. Beverage.
4. Soap.
5. Candelion.
6. Brighton.
7. Fiction.
8. Dwellings.
9. Audible.
10. Busk.
11. Narrow band.
12. Young boy.
13. Merciful.

Clues Down

1. Metal.
2. Kite.
3. Glove and.
4. Everlasting.
5. Shoe material.
6. Rough-shed.
7. Flickering.
8. Tumble.
9. Payment for.
10. Cowardly.
11. Lensed pro.
12. Road-making.
13. Fearful.
14. Decorative.
15. Designation.
16. Charm.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1. Lamp; 2. Pancake; 3. Coat; 4. Bird; 5. Stop; 6. Ash; 7. Help; 8. Stratosphere; 9. Waste; 10. Moulder; 11. Show; 12. Nuts; 13. Effects; 14. Ugly; 15. Atom; 16. Anomaly; 17. Eddy.

DOWN—1. Mother; 2. Scrape; 3. Pasta; 4. Attire; 5. Copra; 6. Shark; 7. Harm; 8. Load; 9. Train; 10. Chew; 11. Rattle; 12. Assume; 13. Told; 14. Elbow; 15. Dream; 16. Rusty.

Lisbon, Apr. 1. Dr. Antonio de Oliveira Salazar, Premier, in a statement issued on the installation of the new executive committee of the official party, "Uniao Nacional," affirmed that Portugal was ruled by a constitutional Government. He denied charges of dictatorship.

He said that the country's constitution was affirmed by the people through a plebiscite; the head of the state was elected by direct vote, an assembly handled the legislative function; and the judicial part of the Government was independent and not appointed by the president, as in American republics.

Dr. Salazar criticized foreign press comment and speculation on an impending change in the Lisbon government.

"We do not intend to leave the government," he said. "On the contrary, we intend to remain."

He said any country needs a strong government to rebuild its economic life and its material existence. He pointed out that too great emphasis on political parties had weakened many states, particularly in Latin America.

"After 20 years of the new doctrine and our example of a National State, existing for the benefit of all Portuguese," he said, "we see persisting the same mental attitudes among the Opposition, the same party feeling. The Opposition has changed nothing and wants to bring back the old life."

an administrative reorganization. It must be capped by a political reformation, which has thus far awaited the completion of other tasks.

Dr. Salazar promised to turn the government's attention henceforth toward such a political rejuvenation "without abandoning power which has brought the country 20 years of peace and social and material development."

He suggested enlarging the "Uniao Nacional" to include anti-party convictions and promised a new, vigorous fight against those who opposed the present regime.—United Press.

Churchill Stole The Show

London, April 1. Mr. Churchill, repeatedly called Britain's No. 1 Communist buster by Radio Moscow, stole the show from Prime Minister Attlee at the Soviet Embassy reception for the Russian delegation visiting England tonight.

While Attlee drank half a dozen toasts in port, the wartime Premier insisted on real vodka and clinked his glass time and time again, saying in Russian "Za vashe zdorovie" (your health). He said Stalin taught it to him.

The Russians crowded up to shake his hand.

Attlee, who wore a red flower in his buttonhole, left just as Churchill arrived.—United Press.

London, Apr. 2.

Radio Moscow said an expedition set out today to explore the southern part of Novaya Zemlya island which lies several hundred miles off the Russian coast in the Arctic Ocean. The rest of the island has already been explored, the broadcast said. The island is mountainous and contains huge glaciers.—United Press.

GBS Comments On Divorce Decision

London, Apr. 1. Mr. Frederick Raymond Weatherley said today that he guessed he had better see his lawyer before he talked about further moves to free himself of his wife, who had renounced all but the social ties of their marital life.

Yesterday the House of Lords ruled that Weatherley had no grounds for divorce for desertion because Mrs. Weatherley was "finished" with normal married relations.

"I'll venture such a decision would shake your people over there in Reno," Weatherley said to American correspondents.

George Bernard Shaw, contacted by the United Press, said he thoroughly agreed with the opinion of dissenting Lord Justice Scott, who was the dissenting voice in the House of Lords decision.

Lady Astor said both parties had pledged to wed for "better or worse."

"I don't want to get into a controversy over this particular case, but it is better not to marry if you are not sure," she said she still felt that "if humanly possible, it is better not to permit divorce."—United Press.

Mr. Shaw, in a statement through his secretary, said: "I agree with the opinion of the dissenting Justice. Judgment was given in view of future legislation, which will upset it and should upset it."

Lady Astor

The urgent anti-divorce advocate, Lady Astor, told the United Press from her country home that she had not studied the Weatherley decision "yet, but as a good Christian, I feel very strongly that you must keep to the law as it stands. How hard the law is to keep," she said, however,

PALESTINE PROBLEM

Lake Success, N.Y., Apr. 1. The Soviet Union today approved the British proposal to hand the Palestine problem to a special General Assembly of the United Nations.

M. Gromyko, the Soviet representative on the United Nations Secretariat, he had "no objections." Replies are still awaited from France and China.—Reuter.

Don Juan Rebuffs Franco

Lisbon, Apr. 1. The official spokesman for Don Juan told Reuter today: "Don Juan was not consulted by General Franco on the new succession act by which the Caudillo has proclaimed himself the head of the Spanish monarchy."

"Don Juan cannot recognise a law which is devoid of two essential requirements: Sanction of the Spanish people and his own consent as the legitimate claimant to the Spanish crown."—Reuter.

France Cheered

Madrid, Apr. 1. Large crowds massed in front of the former Royal Palace here today cheering General Franco, accompanied by the Cabinet who came out on the balcony three times.

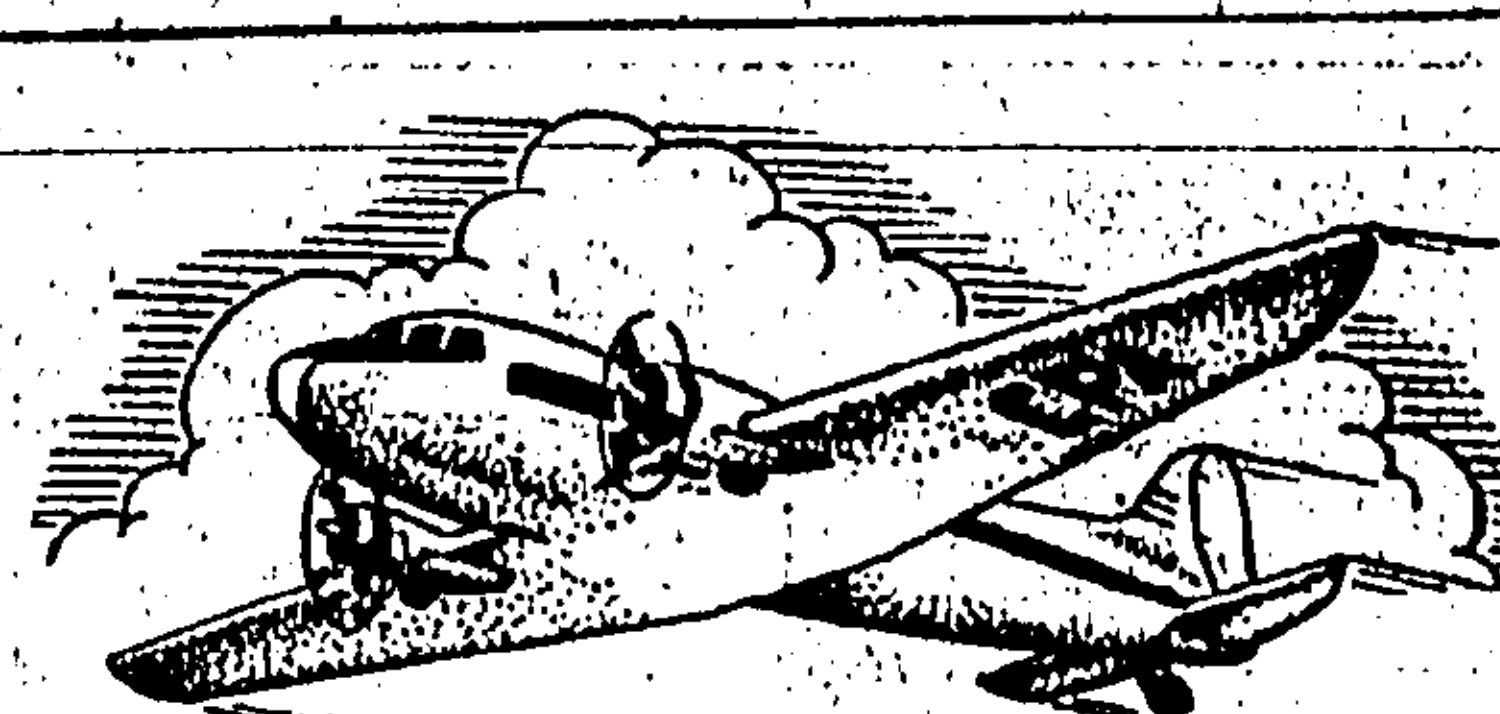
On his last appearance General Franco told the crowd: "Thanks for your enthusiasm. Confidence and firmness in Spain make her unshakable."

The crowd had gathered after General Franco had stood to attention for two hours taking the salute as representative units of the Spanish armed forces marched past in the ninth annual victory parade commemorating the end of the Spanish civil war.

The parade included mechanised units and tanks, mostly relics of the civil war. The troops included a section of paratroopers, for the first time in these parades.—Reuter.

An Appeal

Amsterdam, Apr. 1. An appeal for the lives of nine Spanish girls and boys under 18 sentenced to death at Madrid for "anti-Franco activities" has been sent to the Netherlands Foreign Minister by the Dutch Committee for Abolishing the Death Penalty.—Reuter.



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CRASH SURVIVORS' FIVE HAIR-RAISING DAYS

Sydney, Apr. 1. Four men who survived a Dutch "Dakota" crash landing in Australia's most remote wilderness reached safety after five hair-raising days of adventure, during which they killed and ate a pet dog and machine-gunned a rampaging crocodile.

The four men, Captain van Nifterik, Radio Operator van Rhoon and two passengers named Houniet and Barnard, were weak from lack of food, footsore and weary from their ordeal.

They started from the site where the "Dakota" made a belly landing in a dense forest and covered nearly 100 miles down the rapid Katherine River. When they started, they had 40 oranges and two cans of condensed milk.

The plane carried seven people, three of whom were left with the wreckage. No one was injured in the landing.

Two rafts were built to float the party and their gear down the Katherine. On the first day one of the rafts overturned and gear and food were lost. On the third day, they killed one of the two dogs with them and ate it. A crocodile attacked the remaining raft and they killed it with a Sten gun.

During the third day, they came to a 30-foot waterfall with banks so steep they could not get down. They put an appeal for help on the remaining raft, shoved it over the waterfall and hoped for the best. Trying to lower the raft, Houniet almost drowned and Barnard had to rescue him, losing his shoes in the process.

Captain's Story

Captain van Nifterik said: "The mountains were terrible. We had to do a lot of climbing and each mountain gave way to a deep gorge. We were dizzy from lack of food and lack of sleep."

"During the day flies annoyed us and at night mosquitoes almost drove us crazy. The rocks were hot and Barnard's feet were bleeding, but we could not afford to rest. We kept on going in the direction we thought safety lay because we could not count on our message ever getting anywhere or being received by anyone. It sure was a relief when they found us."

"They" were the rescue party which had set out from Katherine and which met the air-men seven miles from Katherine. The four men lost considerable weight, but doctors said they would be all right.—United Press.

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GEORGE CROSS AWARD

London, Apr. 1. The award of the George Cross is announced today to a South African-born chaplain in the Royal Air Force, the Reverend Herbert Hugh, who, in the words of the official citation: "went to certain death" to injured airmen on a sinking ship.

The troopship "Anselm" was torpedoed while on the way from Britain to West Africa on July 8, 1941. The Reverend Mr. Hugh, insisted on being lowered to the injured men in a flooded hold. He was last seen kneeling in prayer with water up to his shoulders the moment before the ship sank.—Reuter.

One World Can Be Realised

New Delhi, Apr. 1. Mahatma Gandhi, who is 77, told the Asian Relations Conference here today: "I would like to see one world in my lifetime. If all you delegates go away determined to believe in one world and with the will to carry it through, there is no doubt you will see the dream realised."

Mr. Gandhi, who was addressing delegates and observers from more than 30 countries, was asked by Dr. Hsin Li-wu, Chinese Vice-Minister of Education, for his opinion on a proposed Asian Institute.

He said that he supported it and thought that the Asian representatives should meet annually, or bi-annually, but added: "We have not come here to wage war against America or Europe or against any other non-Asian. That is not Asia's mission. India, having won independence by non-violent means, I should be very ashamed if we used our independence to suppress others."

Mr. Gandhi said that when he received the Viceroy's invitation to consult with him, "naturally I could not selfishly ride my high horse and say 'No, I cannot come.' That would have been absolutely foreign to my nature."

Pandit Nehru, Vice-President of the Indian Interim Government, and Dr. Khan Abdul Ghaffar (the "Frontier Gandhi") also attended the Asian Conference.

Indonesian Premier Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, Indonesian Republican Premier, told the delegates: "Our being here is due not only to our immediate interest in the business of the conference, but also because we have been isolated so long."

Pandit Nehru welcomed Dr. Sjahrir and said that his presence had "great significance for India."—Reuter.

"The British Are Honest" --- Gandhi

New Delhi, Apr. 1. Mahatma Gandhi today angrily stopped scripture recitals at a prayer meeting and refused to go on because a Hindu youth objected to the recital of the Koran and persuaded others in the congregation to walk out.

Gandhi said: "Tell the youth the loss is not his but the whole congregation's, which wanted recitals."

In his earlier address, Gandhi repeatedly referred to the "law of the jungle brute" and asked whether the Indians were "going to demean themselves by internal strife" when the British left India.

"Never in history has a ruling power left any dominion of its own free will," Gandhi said. "That is what the British are trying to do today. They are honest, whatever their past record."

Gandhi said that the Viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, was "trying to find a way of handing over power to Indian hands by a peaceful manner" and added that "it is everyone's duty to help."

Gandhi asserted that it was his belief that he had no following today, for otherwise "these tragedies would not have happened."

Gandhi later addressed the Congress Working Committee, reporting briefly on his talks with Lord Mountbatten. The committee adjourned until Friday after a two-hour session.—United Press.

Batavia, Apr. 1. Dr. Soekarno, President of the Indonesian Republic, said today that the signing of the United States of Indonesia agreement with the Dutch was "proof that we wish to co-operate with the whole world." This was the President's first reference to the agreement since it was signed in Batavia on March 25.—Reuter.

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HONJO WILL REVELATION ON MANCHURIA INCIDENT

Tokyo, Apr. 2.
Gen. Shigeru Honjo, Commander-in-Chief of the Kwantung Army, who committed suicide shortly after the Japanese surrender, claimed in his last will and testament that he alone was responsible for the Japanese conquest of Manchuria in 1931.

Magistrate's Wife Aids Search

Mrs. N.K. Latimer, wife of Kowloon's First Magistrate, had the disturbing experience of being trailed by what DSI V.J. MacKenzie described as "pretty husky specimens" of local thugs, one of whom attempted to snatch her handbag.

According to DSI MacKenzie, Mrs. Latimer was walking along Waterloo Road in the direction of the Police Training School at about 9.20 a.m. on April 1 when she noticed a Chinese dressed in black (who she later identified as the first accused) walking beside her. She became alarmed and walked out onto the roadway.

On turning round, she saw two other Chinese, also dressed in black, following. At that moment Chow Chik-man, 22, the first defendant, snatched at her handbag but failed to get possession of it. Complainant screamed and Chow ran off to join the other two accused, Yin Fun, 22, and Lok Ming, 26.

Mrs. Latimer, made a report at the Police Training School and accompanied the search party which was sent out. At Sai Yee Street, complainant saw the three accused and recognized Chow as the man who had attempted to snatch her handbag. Chow was arrested by Chinese constable Chan Hong-keung, and Lok by CSI William Young.

After the second and third accused, who pleaded not guilty to the charge of aiding and abetting Chow, had been convicted by Mr. Blair-Kerr, DSI MacKenzie asked His Worship to take a serious view of the case as that type of offence has been increasing in that vicinity.

On the charge of attempted larceny of the handbag, Chow was sentenced to six months' hard labour. Yin and Fun were each given four months' hard labour.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m. and 6.30 to 11.00 p.m. and also on 6.55 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—"Remembrance to the War."
12.47 p.m.—Turner Lecture at the P. Announcements.
1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—"From the Shows"—Musical Comedy.
1.40 p.m.—Johann Strauss Memories.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Studio Children's Hour.
6.55 p.m.—Studio "Hospital Rounds."
7.00 p.m.—Patience in Hospital, arranged by Lynn Fraser.

7.10 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.
7.15 p.m.—Studio: Piano Recital by Vicheshlov Atsushenko (Aged 11 years).

7.30 p.m.—Orchestral Favourites.
7.45 p.m.—Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Albert Sandier (Violin).
8.15 p.m.—London Transcription: Sir George "Brass Band" The Lion Band, conducted by Fred McManis.

8.30 p.m.—Studio: Record Review: Latest Records received by ZBW, arranged and presented by Robert Shaw.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News from Britain.
9.15 p.m.—Studio: "Chorus of Colour".

9.30 p.m.—London Transcription: Beethoven's "Brass Band" The Lion Band, conducted by Fred McManis.
10.00 p.m.—Studio: "Chorus of Colour".
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11.00 p.m.—Studio: "Chorus of Colour".

GAS ESCAPES

Vienna, Apr. 1.
When increased pressure forced the safety valves, 780 million cubic yards of natural gas escaped from the earth near Slatersdorf oilfield in Austria, according to the newspaper "Weltam Abend." The hissing sound of escaping gas could be heard for many miles around. The loss of gas is valued at \$4,000,000.—Reuter.

La Salle Road Incident

Choudury, 22, mess waiter, and Abdul Huq, 28, mess cook, both of the L.A.M.C., appeared before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with assaulting Chinese constables Wong Fan-yat and Kam Yuet-wing on Feb. 27.

Choudury was further charged with assaulting Lo Lol at the rear of 5 La Salle Road, indecently assaulting Lo Lol, wantonly discharging a firearm and, alternatively, negligently discharging a firearm.
ASP Hing-Brown prosecuted, and Lt. J. P. Ho, J.P., presided. After evidence had been given by the woman alleging she was dragged by first accused to the rear of 5 La Salle Road, and that the Chinese constables were set on by the two defendants and other Indians, hearing was adjourned.

MURDER TRIAL

The case for the prosecution in the murder trial of Cheuk Chau, Cheung Cheong, Liu Mun, Li Yau, Mak Kau alias Mak Kam Shing and Chan Yui Shu alias Ho Lau Chung, which is being heard before Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge), closed yesterday.
The case for the defence will open today.
The first accused is represented by Mr. Y. H. Poon, instructed by Mr. A.S.C. Comer of Messrs. Hastings. The other five accused are represented by Mr. H.H. Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Russ.

New King Of Greece Ascends Throne

London, Apr. 1.
The new King of Greece, Paul I was sworn in tonight in the presence of the Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in a solemn ritual at the Royal Palace a few hours after King George, his elder brother, had died suddenly from a heart attack.

While bells of 60 Athens churches tolled for the dead King, the Cabinet and Members of Parliament hurried through packed streets to pay homage to his successor.

The 88-year-old Premier, Dr. Dimitrios Maximos, handed King Paul the resignation of his Cabinet, in accordance with the constitution, and was mandated to form a new government.

The new King, a 46-year-old naval man, swore "in the Name of the Holy Trinity to protect the nation's religion, to respect the constitution and defend the freedom and integrity of Greece."

King Paul, in a message to the Greek people tonight, said: "We are facing today a struggle for our very existence, for our independence and our liberties. United we will bring it to a successful end."—Reuter.

Hypochondriac

London, Apr. 1.
Dr. Alexander Cawdian, the late King George's personal physician for many years, said tonight that the Greek monarch had no trace of heart trouble when he examined him non-professionally shortly before the King returned to Athens.

Dr. Cawdian said he ceased treating the monarch several years ago because King George was a hypochondriac and used quack doctors. The physician said he never ceased being a friend and saw the King unofficially last September.

Dr. Cawdian said that despite the theories of heart trouble which he said he had heard, he said he had never seen any signs of heart trouble in King George. He said he had never seen any signs of heart trouble in King George. He said he had never seen any signs of heart trouble in King George.

Funeral Of Greek King

Athens, Apr. 2.
The body of King George of the Hellenes, dressed in the uniform of a Marshal, was placed in a Royal coffin at the Palace today to await the state procession tomorrow to Athens Cathedral where the body will lie in state for three days.

The late King's brother, now King Paul, remained by the death bed most of the night. "Evzones" honour troop of the Greek Army, dressed in national costumes, stood guard.

The coffin will be taken to the Cathedral tomorrow on an artillery caisson drawn by black horses and guarded by troops of the Palace Guard. Members of European Royal Families with whom the late King was related are expected to attend the funeral on Sunday.—United Press.

Wanted To Go To Country

Chen Yiu was found guilty of the larceny of a box of cigarettes belonging to Ngau Yim, by Mr. Sheldon yesterday and sentenced to four months' hard labour.

Complainant was selling the cigarettes on Queen's Road West when the defendant ran up to him, snatched the box and ran. He was caught by Mr. W. A. G. and brought to court.

Labour Rebellion On Conscription

London, Apr. 1.
Between 70 and 75 Labour members defiantly walked into the Opposition lobby while Mr. Winston Churchill led approximately 120 Conservatives into the Government lobby when the House of Commons divided on the rebel amendment to reject the conscription bill today.

The amendment was defeated by 386 votes to 85. The House then approved without further division the second reading of the bill. Further Commons steps on the measure are a mere formality.

The first analysis after voting showed that fewer than 250 Labour members, two-thirds of the Party's total strength of 394, voted with the Government to reject the rebel amendment. The balance were Conservatives, Liberal Nationals and Independents.

Prime Minister Attlee arrived in the House in evening dress and an overcoat, only a few minutes before the division bell rang, and was greeted with cheers.

When the division figures were announced 15 minutes later, there were the usual ironical cries of "Resign, resign!"

As a result of the large Labour vote against it, "Government may restore the Party's standing orders, which requires members to support Government on all leading issues or face disciplinary action, including possible expulsion from the Party."

Principal Points
Principal points of the Bill were:—
1. Call-up, with certain exceptions, will be confined to men reaching the age of 18 in 1947 and 1948.
2. Those called up in 1947 will serve for two years, including overseas.
3. Men called up in 1948 will serve for a period decreasing from two years in January to 18 months in December.
4. No industrial deferments will be granted despite Britain's production crisis, but miners and farm workers may be deferred.—United Press.

Committed For Trial

After further evidence at yesterday's resumed hearing, two seamen, Cheung Muk-wing, 26, and Chan Wah-shing, 26, were committed to trial at the April Criminal Sessions by Mr. Sheldon K.C. at Central on charges of demanding money with menaces.

They are alleged to have uttered three letters on Feb. 24, March 3 and 6, demanding \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$1,500, respectively from Ho Yau-hong, manager of the Seaman's Boarding House.

Giving evidence, Inspector Wilcox read two statements made to him by both accused, in which first accused allegedly admitted having written all the three letters while second accused said he knew the matter and had discussions with Cheung on how to get money to buy food.

Both defendants reserved their defence.

Dangerous

Yu Yau-wai, of 40, Tung Man Street, was fined \$350 by Mr. Salmon at Central yesterday for storing 245 lb. of hydrochloric acid inside the shop on March 14, and for the possession of 40 lb. of calcium carbide and 112 lb. of potassium sodium cyanide without a licence. The goods were confiscated.

A fine of \$40 was imposed on Young Shun-hang, manager of the Union Motor Boat Co. China Building, for storing 20 gallons of petrol at Blake Pier on March 18 without a permit. The petrol was confiscated.

WACS ON PARADE

Tokyo, Apr. 2.
For the first time in history, the Japanese will see American women soldiers parade on Saturday when more than 400 WACS swing past the reviewing stand in the Imperial Plaza here as part of the Army Week celebration.

Only Scratching Surface

"At the moment, we are only scratching the surface of the problem created by the 50,000 boys and girls who are on our streets," reported Mr. P. A. Cornille, Hon. Secretary of the Boys and Girls Clubs Association at the annual general meeting.

They were, he said, administering "first aid treatment" to about 600 children when something more radical was needed. During the coming year, provision must be made for the proper training of Club Leaders and in the clubs and hostels themselves the boys and girls must receive some kind of vocational training.

The hon. treasurer reported that the recent Fete had realised a net profit of \$10,005.67 and the Flag Day \$25,587.35. Cash in hand stood at just over \$48,000.

Mr. Brook Bernachi, secretary of the Probation Camp Committee, said that during the year \$7,000 had been spent on the camp at Stanley. Further renovation was necessary on No. 3 Godown before boys from the clubs could be received for holidays.

Earlier the chairman, Dr. F. I. Tseung, had referred to the opening of the camp for boys at Stanley; this was later turned into a probation camp where juvenile offenders were sent by the Magistrates. In a homely atmosphere, they learned to live more useful lives.

The following officers were elected for the year 1947-48: President: Bishop Hall; Vice-President: Dr. F. I. Tseung; Hon. Sec.: Rev. C. P. Smith; Hon. Treas.: Mr. R. H. Sutton and Dr. F. I. Tseung; Executive Committee: Mr. B. Bernachi, Fr. A. Stevens, Dr. F. I. Tseung.

Saturday Night In Park Lane

London, Apr. 1.
Mayfair was somewhat startled to learn today that a Colorado beetle had taken up residence in Park Lane—and you may rest assured that Commander Sir Morton Smart, KCVO, DSO, MD, MB, ChB, will examine his spinnach closely in future.

That brash little bug from the Far West definitely is persona non grata in Britain and how he managed to sneak past the Park Lane doorman into the domicile of Sir Morton, etc., etc., is quite mystifying. Park Lane, you must remember, was Park Lane when Park Avenue was a cowpath.

It all happened on Saturday night—the beetle's night out. Lady Lillian Smart was preparing a spot of supper when she spotted a beetle saucily munching away on Sir Morton's spinnach. Calmly she called her husband.

Sir Morton is a man of action. He had a fine record in the Royal Navy before he assumed his present post—manipulative surgeon to His Majesty the King. He grabbed the telephone and called the Ministry of Agriculture.

There was nobody at the Ministry but the porter. Sir Morton would have found the same situation if he had called No. 10 Downing Street.

The porter gave Sir Morton the number of the official who was to be called in the event of an emergency. The official was Sir Morton. He called the porter again and got the number of another official.

Europeans Killed In Madagascar Uprising Attack

"PLYMOUTH" FOR BOAC

London, Apr. 1.
The B.O.A.C. have taken delivery of the first of a fleet of nine new "Plymouth" flying boats with which they plan to operate new services between Britain and Bahrain, in the Persian Gulf, and Bahrain and Karachi, early in May.

The "Plymouths" are powered by four Pratt and Whitney twin-Wasp engines and weigh nearly 27 tons. They will carry 22 passengers by day, and 16 by night.

Delivery is expected at the rate of two a month.—Reuter.

Interport Soccer

The Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association is writing to the players named below enquiring if in the event of their being chosen for the Interport football games against Shanghai, in Shanghai, early in May they will be able to obtain the necessary leave.

The 15 players to make the trip will be chosen by April 15 and all replies must be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary before that date.

The following are the players:—
Cusker (Royal Artillery), Yui Ka-yun (Chinese Amateur Sports Club), Hui Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Souler (Royal Air Force), Tse Kam-hung (South China), Ng Kee-cheong (Sing Tao), Lau Yung-sang (Sing Tao), Sheppard (Royal Artillery), Alroea (St. Joseph's), Hui King-seng (Sing Tao), Fung Kwan-sing (Sing Tao), B. Gosano (St. Joseph's), Ho Ying-tun (Sing Tao), Fung King-cheong (Sing Tao), Sullivan (Wireless Centre), Sewell (Royal Air Force), D. Carvalho (St. Joseph's), Chau Man-chi (South China), Mullen (Club), Tse Chai-ying (Sing Tao) and Lee Shek-yau (South China).

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Tananarive, Apr. 1.
The native uprising against the French in Madagascar, which began two days ago, has become general throughout the island and shows indications of having been prepared for some time, according to the French High Command in Tananarive, the capital.

Military reinforcements are being rushed to the most serious centres of trouble and military reprisal action on land and from the air is being carried out today.

The French authorities in Tananarive stated that warrants for the arrest of certain leaders of the separatist movement were issued today.

In a resume of the growth of uprising, the authorities said that first indications of a native revolt in preparation reached the French administration last December and that security measures taken then halted the affair for the moment.

A few days ago, new indications of an imminent uprising reached the French military authorities in Tananarive. In the interior, and warnings were issued in Moramanga, 50 miles east of Tananarive, on Sunday, only a few hours before the telephone line between the capital and that military post was cut and the first of violent native attacks took place.

Meanwhile, military reports from the scenes of two most serious fighting areas, stated that at Manakara, 225 miles south of Tananarive, on the Madagascar east coast, the native attack which began on Monday had been "broken off," following French ground and air counter-attacks.

Several hundred natives were captured and three members of the European population were killed in the course of the attack.

At Mobamanga, near Tananarive where the separatists made their first attack on Sunday, armed with knives and spears, the French authorities reported calm today, while French patrols made reconnaissance sorties.

On the railway line northward from this town, nine Europeans were reported killed. Funeral services were held yesterday for these casualties. In Moramanga, and wives and children from both Moramanga and Manakara were flown to Tananarive today.

The French High Commissioner to Madagascar today flew over Volpiano, inland from Manakara on the railway line to Fianarantsoa, and reported seeing several fires. The military authorities, however, reported that the situation in Volpiano was well in hand, with a French column advancing on it from Manakara.

No information was given in this latest report of the situation at the northern tip of the island, where the natives were reported to have overcome the military camp near Diego Suarez and made off with supplies of rifles, machine-guns and ammunition.

M. Marius Moutet, French Minister of Colonies, sent a telegram today to the High Commissioner, expressing the Government's condolences to the survivors of the victims of the uprising. A special investigation team from the Ministry of Colonies also took off from Paris today for Tananarive.—Reuter.

The following have been selected to represent the KBGC against the KCC on Sunday, next, 6.30 p.m. The match will be played annually for a cup presented by Mr. Ezra Abraham, president of the latter club.
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Chess Championship

(By Recorder)

Karel Weiss returned to form in the fourth round of the Kowloon Chess Club Championship to turn back a devastating attack from S. Novikov developed out of an English Opening and reverse the tide of battle after being pawn down in a very unpromising position.

Novikov developed a strong king's side attack that picked up in tempo by the 20th move when he won king's knight, knight attack. Weiss, carefully extricated himself from a badly cramped position and then followed some careful play that culminated in a complete pawn lock on Queen's side.

Manoeuvring for position, Weiss made the mistake of permitting an exchange that allowed White to bring a cramped knight into play. The game continued until the 55th move, when Weiss forced the issue with well-judged exchange that won a pawn.

Weiss developed a strong attack with this exchange and cramped up Novikov's queen with doubled rooks. With his opponent's queen out of play, Weiss won another pawn and would have had an easy win against a less resourceful opponent.

Novikov played on for another 20 or 30 moves before resigning. The game, which lasted more than five hours and went into more than 80 moves was one of the best seen in the Colony in a long while and attracted a record number of spectators.

In the other two games played on Tuesday night, V. V. Kolotchoff, Henry Knight 2-1; Major J. J. Young 2-2; V. Tansz 1-1; Eugene Tansz v Arthur Gomes 1-2; J. Wallich 0-4.

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